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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and Public School Academy Administrators, DARTEP

**FROM:** Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

**SUBJECT:** Educator Certification Update Meeting

The Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) will be holding an information meeting to provide updates of important information on the current issues impacting educators. This meeting will focus on educator preparation, certification, and recent school reform legislation, including teacher evaluations and alternative routes. General certification information is available on our podcast:

<http://www.mistreamnet.com/videtail.php?who=mde111809n01>.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at the Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center - Grand Ballroom, 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan 48911. A block of rooms has been set aside for those needing overnight accommodations. Please ask for "Department of Education" when making reservations. The rate is \$65.00 per night. For your convenience, the link to the hotel will provide you with directions to the hotel: <http://www.causewaybayhotellansing.com/index-4.html>.

Attached is a tentative agenda for your review. **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration is from 8:30 to 8:50 a.m. The meeting is scheduled from 8:50 a.m. to 12:15 noon. Staff presentations will be followed by a question and answer period. There is no registration fee for attendance. A total of .3 SB-CEUs will be made available to any attendee who requires them.

Intermediate and local school district superintendents, public school academy officials, and private school administrators are encouraged to attend. Please share this notice with your human resource directors. Please e-mail your attendance to Kathy Curtis at [curtisk2@michigan.gov](mailto:curtisk2@michigan.gov). You may also contact Mrs. Curtis if you have any specific questions/issues you would like addressed. The staff of OPPS is looking forward to meeting and talking with you.

Attachment

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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Office of Professional Preparation Services**

**2011 CERTIFICATION UPDATE MEETING  
Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center  
Grand Ballroom  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011**

**AGENDA**

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| 8:30-8:50     | Registration  |
| 8:50          | Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Flora L. Jenkins, Director<br>Office of Professional Preparation Services   |
| 9:00          | Teacher Certification Overview- Mrs. Krista Ried, Supervisor  |
| 9:30          | School Reform Legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher Evaluations<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Venessa Keesler</li></ul></li><li>• Alternate Routes for Educators<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Rajah Smart, Education Consultant</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 10:15         | Break   |
| 10:30         | SB-CEUs & Secured Central Registry – Mrs. Claudia Nicol   |
| 10:45         | Troops to Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Edwardeen Jones, Director of Troops to Teachers</li></ul>  |
| 11:00         | Professional Preparation Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Thomas Bell<br/>&amp; Dr. Steven Stegink</li></ul>   |
| 11:15         | Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mrs. Krista Ried, Supervisor<br/>&amp; Mr. Michael Mekhayel</li></ul>   |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Closing Questions/Comments  |